

AMUSING INCIDENTS RESULT FROM WORK

Street Improvements Cause
Feeling of Unrest.

BUILDINGS ARE DOOMED

The Contractors Are Forced to Take
Steps to Protect Government
Property.

The building of the Capitol Hill tunnel and the new Union Depot, and the raising of the grade over an area of several blocks, has brought about a state of unrest in that neighborhood as peculiar as it is at times amusing.

So far from having settled to the full limit the area along First street southeast, in front of the Congressional Library, appears to be getting worse. The west side of the street in front of the Capitol grounds has sunk to such an extent that it has become necessary to take up the curbing, the paving and the lamp posts, and lay fine gravel in their stead.

The sinking of the street has also thrown the car tracks, water mains, and gas pipes in disorder, and, as a result, the thoroughfare is torn up from B street southeast to B street northeast. The northeast corner of the new Senate office building comes within a few feet of lopping over on the area above the new tunnel, and, to insure a safe and solid foundation, a deep pit has been sunk down almost to the tunnel level and filled with concrete.

Statuary in Danger.

The sidewalk in front of the Library of Congress, which until lately remained solid and unaffected by the tunnel digging beneath, is now badly cracked and there are signs of parting company with the elaborate stone balustrades, platforms, and statuary which adorn the Library front.

The head drift of the Capitol Hill tunnel is rapidly nearing completion. The work of excavating with the steam shovel at C street northeast will be finished about January 15. The building of the tunnel from the open cut from the depot site to the point near C street northeast, where the work is going forward underground, is going rapidly forward, the double arch being completed to within about 75 feet of the entrance to the head drift.

The raising of the grade and filling about the Union Depot has had many amusing as well as interesting consequences. Buildings that have stood in the way, have simply had their roofs torn off and the floors knocked in, following which they have been buried under the high fill. Most of the buildings doomed to destruction have been deserted by their tenants.

One of the buildings that must sooner or later disappear beneath the encroaching fill, is a million, the top story of which is all that is now visible above the new land level. It stands at the junction of F street and Massachusetts avenue and is threatened from rear. The proprietor, far from being disheartened, appears to be taking it good-naturedly, having lately erected this sign: "Subway station: A little disfigured, help us out of the hole."

Other householders have erected a sort of retaining fence of boards to prevent the dirt from invading their halls, as it has already overwhelmed their front yards.

The children in the neighborhood find their chief amusement in sliding down these fills and pelting each other with mud balls.

TRUST COMPANY WILL HOLD FORMAL OPENING RECEPTION

The American Security and Trust Company will occupy the new building at the northwest corner of Fifteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue on Monday, December 16. There will be a formal opening reception on that day from 2 until 10 o'clock, to which invitations have been sent to its depositors, stockholders, and the leading residents of the city.

A section of the Marine Band will provide music, and the guests will be given an opportunity of thoroughly inspecting the entire equipment of this magnificent banking house.

Corey Threatens Trouble For Pittsburg Critics

Proposes to Reveal Some Old-Time Scandals Unless People Who Have Been Discussing His Affairs Stop Probing.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 14.—And now Pittsburg is excited by the report that "Ellis Corey is going to hit back"—that the president of the Steel trust, who has been unmercifully scored because he wants his wife to get a divorce so that he can marry Mabelle Gilman, an actress, is going to make it warm for some of those who have virtuously condemned him.

That he has New York detectives here gathering evidence of incidents affecting some of his harshest critics, is one story that has obtained credence.

Father Reconciled.

Certainly a change has been observed in the status of his case. His venerable father, who said he would disown the young man if he separated from his wife, has consented to partial reconciliation, and, it is said, has asked J. B. Corey, the plain-spoken uncle of the steel man, to "let up on Ellis" for a time. W. Ellis Corey has been here for a day or two, quietly meeting friends at the Duquesne Club. They hint mysteriously that he is preparing to demand that some of his critics stop talking about him.

One report says that he is digging up interesting details of a dinner given by a very prominent steel magnate at the Duquesne Club some years ago, at which Anna Held, the French chanteuse, sang and danced, receiving a \$500 fee from the host. The enthusiasm aroused by her appearance was so great, it was said, that she had to flee from the room and the building.

Cassie Chadwick Features.

Then, Corey's friends say, he has details of a hitherto unpublished chapter in the Pittsburg career of Cassie Chadwick, now in an Ohio prison for swindling.

Just what use he intends to make of this interesting and scandalous material, but his friends say significantly, "All he asks is to be let alone."

COMING TO THE THEATERS

National—"Rip Van Winkle."

There are still theatergoers in this country who have never seen Joseph Jefferson as "Rip Van Winkle," and these are all very young people. For forty years or more the public has associated Rip with the name of the most famous comedian—real comedian, not a personal whimsicality—until the man and the role appear to be welded into one.

The opportunity is now offered at the New National Theater next week of seeing for the first time Thomas Jefferson, worthy son of an equally worthy sire, and a most creditable successor to his father. Thomas Jefferson has gained supporters on his own merits and not as the son of his father, having played the part with distinction for the last decade. No actor may attempt to re-create the character of the old vagabond. It has been created for all the time.

The wisest thing any actor of the present day can do is what Thomas Jefferson offers: namely, to play Rip in Jefferson manner as his father would permit him to do. Those who have not experienced the delight and gratification which "Rip" gives should avail themselves of the opportunity which will shortly be afforded them and learn how it is and why it is this character is so widely and tremendously popular.

National—Ernest Thompson Seton.

The appearance of Ernest Thompson Seton, famous as the author of "Wild Animals I Have Known," and other stories of animal life, at the New National Theater on Saturday morning next, at 11 o'clock, possesses more than ordinary interest, for it will be Mr. Seton's last appearance on the lecture platform in this country. Mr. Seton has been lecturing for several months past, and has displayed a charm and grace as a lecturer equal to his ability as a writer. His lecture on Saturday will be his most popular one, "Animal Heroes," in which he will relate many humorous and pathetic tales of the private life of wild animals which have come under his personal observation. The lecture will be profusely illustrated from actual photographs and pen sketches of the author-artist.

Majestic—Electrical Concerts.

At the Majestic Theater, Ninth street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest, commencing Sunday evening, December 17, there will be introduced a series of electrical concerts, under the direction of Eurt Marsh. These concerts will be made up principally of moving pictures. The bill will be changed weekly, and nothing but the latest European subjects are promised. As moving pictures have become a popular amusement, and as they are appropriate for Sunday night concerts, the Majestic should do a good business.

In connection with the pictures different professional singers will be introduced from time to time who will render illustrated songs. These professional people will be brought from New York for this purpose, and as the Majestic, Washington's newest playhouse, has a large clientele, it is quite natural to

predict that these concerts will be a success. As Washington is a quiet place on Sunday nights, to say the least, this new project by the management of the Majestic should be hailed with delight by the amusement-going public.

Chase—Polite Vaudeville.

At the head of the long list of attractive features on Chase's bill for the coming week stands the sensational "Dida," the latest Parisian filius production; a marine mystery indeed, producing two beautiful women out of clear aqueous depths, in which not even a tadpole could lurk undetected by the sharp eyes in the audience and invidious audience. Most interesting of all in this connection, however, is the fact that at the conclusion of every presentation of "Dida" there will be a complete and unequivocal exposure of the modus operandi of the illusion.

Besides "Dida" there will be Harry Le Clair, presenting his striking impersonations and declamations. Ferry Corwey, the noted musical clown of the New York Hippodrome, who kept fun there moving at a furious gait for more than twenty consecutive weeks, will be another of the comic stars. Tony Hart, who has been alternating with Nat Williams, principal part in "The Duke of Duluth," will be a powerful drawing card. Jefferson Gorman and Estelle West will be seen in their dainty musical comedy miscellany called "A Special Meeting."

Herr Saana, the noted foreign impersonator, will give his famous life sketches in costume of the world's celebrities. Willie Gardner will dance on roller and ice skates and the motion pictures will deal with "The Adventures of a Gentleman of France."

Academy—"A Desperate Chance."

"A Desperate Chance," by Theodore Kremer, which comes to the Academy for one week, commencing next Monday night, contains a story as follows:

Two brothers—Ed and Jack Biddle—in attempting to rob a store, shoot and kill the proprietor, also the detectives sent to arrest them. They are sentenced to be hanged, but while waiting for the execution to take place, Ed, who possesses a strange hypnotic power over women, makes love to the wife of the prison warden, who furnishes them with means of escape and goes with them. The officers soon discover their flight, and after an exciting chase, finally overtake and mortally wound the two men. From the foregoing it can be readily seen that there is ample opportunity for thrilling situations and exciting climaxes, none of which have been overlooked.

Lyceum—"The Merry-makers."

The Lyceum offers for the coming week "The Merry-makers," a burlesque troupe presenting an extensive olio and two skits. The first of these, "Running for Mayor," is said to be a screaming farce that keeps an audience in an uproar. The second, entitled "The Mayor's Vacation," is a companion piece and serves to close the entertainment.

CHILD KISSED MOTHER, THEN FELL DEAD

READING, Dec. 14.—"Mamma, I'll give you a kiss," said the nine-year-old Mary Barrett today, and planted a kiss on her mother's cheek, as she was seated at the dinner table. A moment later the little girl fell dead, a victim of heart failure.

Youth Jilts Woman After 1,000-Mile Trip

Chester Boy of Eighteen Refuses to Wed Sweetheart of Thirty-five, Who Came From Florida to Be His Bride.

CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 14.—After coming a thousand miles with the belief that she was to become the wife of Hawkins Thompson, a boy of eighteen years, Miss A. Chaffee Drake, of Hendersonville, N. C., has arrived in this city from Fernandez, Florida, to meet with heartbreaking disappointment. The young man positively refuses to have anything to do with her. She is in the boarding house of Mrs. Jeremiah Casto, 404 East Broad street, only a hundred feet from where her former sweetheart lives.

Miss Drake is a typical Southern woman and although thirty-five years of age looks many years younger. She is said to be of an excellent family. Thompson is employed as an installer of telephones by the Bell Telephone Company. He came here from Fernandez, Florida, six months ago and is living at the home of his uncle, former councilman and ex-school director, Thomas M. Devers, on Upland street. At the boarding house this afternoon

Miss Drake told her story. "The affair is dreadful," she said. "I came to this city in response to letters from Mr. Hawkins asking me to be his wife. Repeatedly he has written me to come to Chester, but to be careful and not allow his relatives to see me. I met him in Fernandez, Fla., while I was on a visit there a year ago. A mutual affection sprang up between us and a secret compact of marriage was made.

"He told me that he would never marry another and that I would have to be his wife. Six months ago his family, for some reason, sent him North, and ever since he has been in Pennsylvania. I waited for him to come and marry me. The last letter I received said it must be soon. I decided to come and arrived in Philadelphia on the steamship Merrimac early Saturday morning. I sent a message to this city with the information I was there and received from him the following answer:

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